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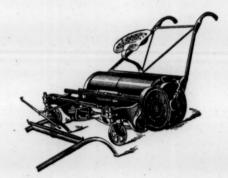
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HE New Year of 1911 is ushered in with cheerful sounds and abundant good wishes. Immortal youth has always been the pursuit of mankind, and the New Year, with its youthful charm and many undeveloped possibilities, dazzles and encourages. The future is all so unknown and full of beautiful dreams, so plausible that we thrill with the enthusiasm of youth; the optimist is in the majority in all our gatherings at this season.

Each year, as it unfolds the fresh page to our view, marks an epoch in our lives, and we should try to stress some definite advance in our life's work and the character we are building for eternity. Loyalty, sincerity, patience, courtesy and the long train of attendant virtues are at this season more ready than ever to be entertained. Each is worthy of our attention, but there is a special virtue The Keystone wishes to put before the Clubwoman's mind for all of 1911, and that is the virtue of accuracy. Accuracy is merely another name for truth; it is truth applied to our everyday living, and we all know the value of this great virtue in domestic, social and civic life. In all our life of hurry and superficiality we do not always stop to examine and prove, and so inaccuracies slip in; in our American indifference to detail, finish, the little things of life, mistakes occur which are never corrected. We are so busy planning the solution of big problems that we do not take the time to finish up the little niceties of everyday life. Is it the fault of our big country and its vast areas to be covered and populated? When we are a thicker settled community will we have a more accurate population? This tendency to be vague and inaccurate is found in every grade of society; ask your club neighbor some definite question as to age, size, number, date or place, and note her answer; follow carefully some report at your next convention or annual meeting, and see how many definite facts you can jot down from that report. Women are often accused of being chief offenders in this field of vagueness; we cannot afford to allow ourselves to be thus classed; education, training and moral integrity all help to eliminate this tendency, and who does not number among their circle of friends one fair example of the peerless beauty and restful charm of an accurate character.

If 1911 would, in its span of days, develop in our club world a tendency to speak of facts in simple, terse, accurate English, what a gain there would be in the development of our national character! No less distinguished an authority than Dr. Hart, president of the American Historical Association, in 1909 declares "the pressing danger of the Republic is inaccuracy." Here is a field for club work; here every one can be a committee of one to improve conditions at home and in her community and through them raise the tone of the Nation.

Dear Keystone: Nowhere else in the world do I have so great a dividend on an annual investment of fifty cents as I receive from your pages. I renew my subscription with the greatest pleasure.

(Mrs. E. W.) Gertrude B. Biddle,
President Pennsylvania Federation Women's Clubs.

W ITH the beginning of the New Year The Keystone hopes that one of the good resolutions made by the Southern Clubwoman and U. D. C. is her determination to subscribe to her official organ, The Keystone, and thus to keep in touch with the work of those organizations with which she has allied herself. Those who already subscribe are reminded to see to their renew l of their subscription, so as to enable the official organ to continue its work of reciprocity among our women.

Many States are just beginning to launch their official organs, while Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida and Mississippi have one over ten years old, and have shown to the world what a valuable asset in organization work such a publication is. Leaders, presidents, chairmen of committees and would-be leaders of women's organizations cannot expect to be of service or accomplish great work unless they read and know about what is being done by the advance guard in other clubs, associations, communities and States. One does not need to be a creative genius to accomplish material results in Club and association work; read your official organ and find out what other people are doing, copy their methods—"all the world is so akin"—and you will be surprised at your accomplishments at the end of your club year. Professional men would never think of carrying on their work without reference to their specific journals; business men and tradesmen all read their special. publications; church papers keep various denominations in touch, and every organized effort which succeeds must be held together by the mystic bond of printer's ink. The Keystone has weathered the gales of over ten years of journalistic life and now holds the record for being the oldest woman's Club publication in the United States. This it could not have accomplished without the loyal support of the individual Clubwoman. Your subscription of fifty cents may seem very small, but it is just that steady, constant, numerous application of the power of that little sum which keeps the printer's wheels going and secures for Southern women an official representative in the field of Club journals which stands for dignified earnestness of purpose in woman's work. Therefore, in your good resolutions for the year 1911 do not forget THE KEYSTONE.

OUTHERN Clubwomen will welcome the news that again a General Federation Council will be held in the South. Memphis, Tennessee, was selected by the board of directors at their meeting in December, in Colfax, Iowa, as the place of meeting for the Council of 1911. This is the third consecutive Council meeting to be held in the South; Norfolk, Virginia, entertained the Council of the General Federation in 1907; San Antonio, Texas, had this privilege in 1909, and now Memphis, Tennessee, is preparing for this honor in 1911. These meetings are most valuable as inspirations to Club activities, as all of the officers of the general federation, the chairman of standing committees, presidents of State federations and presidents of clubs are members of this body and attend its sessions for discussion of the federation's policy between biennials. The geographical position of Memphis makes it a good place of meeting, and doubtless the Memphis Council will be well attended and productive of much increased interest in the general federation among Southern clubwomen.

OFFICIAL CLUB NEWS

For the State Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina, Mississippi, North Carolina, Florida and Virginia. (This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.)

SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for South Carolina to Mrs. John Russell, Greenville, S. C., Corresponding Secretary, S. C. F. W. C., Manager.

President—Mrs. J. M. Visanska, 12 Bull Street, Charleston, S. C. Recording Secretary—Mrs. J. L. Coker, Hartsville, S. C. Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. John Russell, Greenville, S. C. Treasurer—Mrs. Frank B. Gary, Abbeville, S. C. (75 Clubs—5,300 Members.)

T O the Federated Clubwomen of South Carolina: In greeting you in this, the first issue of *The Keystone* for 1911, there are many topics which your Executive would gladly discuss with her 5,300 loyal coworkers. But neither time nor space will permit of lengthy "heart-to-heart" talks here, and only a few important points can at this time be touched upon.

The second week of January will see the reassembling of our Legislature. To these, the people's chosen representatives, we must look for the making of certain laws, which will tend to the betterment of our communities and the uplift of our citizenship.

Juvenile Courts, Compulsory Education (with its necessary adjunct), Birth Registration, and a Free Library Commission, are the bills which we, as a Federation, are pledged to indorse and which every clubwoman must champion until these necessary reforms are secured! In Charleston, on January 4th, your President, together with a committee composed of Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, Mrs. Robert Wilson, Jr., and Dr. Sarah Allen, appeared before the Charleston County delegation, and, in the name of South Carolina's 5,300 clubwomen, urged their influence and votes for these bills. As your Executive I would urge the clubwomen of every county of the State to do the same. Speak to your Legislators, urge their support of these measures, and before long these laws will be on our Statute books.

At this time I would also urge all Department Chairmen and Club Presidents to communicate more frequently with your State President and Corresponding Secretary. Let us have news of your progress, through *The Keystone*, your official organ. Tell us of your problems, and let us take counsel together! Your achievements may be just what some struggling sister-club needs, to encourage further effort, and another's solution of a difficult question may smooth the way for you! That is the true meaning of Federation, and in carrying out this plan you will make 1911 a Jubilee Year in the Federation's history.

And now a word to you, as loyal Carolinians as well as clubwomen. A circular has doubtless reached each Club President, just as it has come to me, soliciting interest in and contributions to the proposed monument to that great physician and true son of South Carolina, Dr. Marion Simms. As your State President I heartily indorse this movement. The Civic Club of Charleston has already

responded to this appeal, and I trust all federated organizations in a position to do so will aid the undertaking.

In response to the kind invitation of the Civic League of Abbeville, the State Executive Board will meet in that city in February, the exact date to be announced later. All details of the Convention to be held in Columbia, in April, will then be arranged, and as many matters of great importance must be disposed of, it is sincerely hoped that every State officer (all of whom will be the guests of Abbeville's clubwomen), can arrange to be present.

With heartiest greetings and all good wishes for success and achievement in 1911. SARAH B. VISANSKA,

President South Carolina Federation.

THE CIVIC CLUB of Charleston has been studying the question of taxation and real estate values in that city. A committee of twelve ladies, with Miss Mary Poppenheim as Chairman, compiled a list of the women tax payers of the city, with the amounts of their taxable property for 1910. This committee in July, in three weeks (through the courtesy of the City Assessor) had access to the city tax books every afternoon, in the Assessor's office, and thus secured the desired information. They found 4,870 individual tax payers recorded, of whom 1.900 were women; that is, twofifths of the individual tax pavers of the city were women. These women paid taxes on \$4,355,421 of real estate and own a total taxable property of \$4,657,979. The total returns for Charleston in 1910 are \$18,784,994, of which the banks and sundry companies return \$5,081,520; it was shown that the women of Charleston pay taxes on almost as much property as all the banks and companies and on more than half as much property as the men tax payers. The summing up showed the women of Charleston paid taxes on one-third the individual taxable property of the city. The committee compiled a list of the men and women who paid taxes on over ten thousand dollars' worth of property, and found 170 men and 63 women in this list, showing that more than one-third of this classification are women. The committee also tabulated a list of the ten largest tax-paving men and the ten largest tax-paying women in the city. The school tax levy in Charleston is only on real estate, and for 1910 was 2½ mills, so the women of Charleston paid toward the maintenance of the public schools of that city in taxes \$10,888 in 1910.

This work has shown the club in definite form that the tax-paying woman is a factor in municipal life.

The Civic Club is deeply interested in all the school problems of the city, and these statistics have been compiled and incorporated in book form, for use by the club in the coming year by its committees and for general civic work for the community.

Collier's announces that Mr. C. W. Stevens will hereafter represent Collier's Weekly in the Philadelphia and Southern territory, as successor to Mr. H. R. Reed, resigned, to become advertising manager of Christian Herald.

MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for Mississippi to Mrs. W. M. Cason, 116 De Soto Street, Clarksdale, Miss.

President—Mrs. Daisy B. Lamkin, Friar's Point. Recording Secretary—Mrs. Thomas Brady, Brookhaven. Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. O. G. Johnston, Friar's Point. 56 Clubs—1,000 Members.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB and the Nevin Club of Clarksdale, Miss. (hostess clubs for the annual Federation meeting in April), entertained Mrs. Lamkin, President, on December 29 and informally discussed the Federation plans.

THE RED Cross stamp sale in Mississippi promises to exceed that of any previous year.

THE WORK OF the Crescite Club of McComb City for this year is considered the most interesting in the Club history.

The study is composed of a course in Household Economics based on the text-books of the American School of Home Economics, with supplementary reading. This includes the study of Art in a practical line—that of Home Decoration.

The music consists of a study of several operas, with selections from same at each meeting. Several parliamentary drills are conducted each year.

The Club has always co-operated with the Federation in every way possible, and standing committees coincide with the State committees of the Federation.

Realizing the need of a woman's voice—if not her hand—in the Municipal Housekeeping, the Club, with the approval of the Mayor, called a mass meeting last March and organized the McComb Civic League, a powerful force for good in the city today.

MAY V. JAMES.

THE NORFIELD WOMAN'S CLUB began work in October with \$74.26 in its treasury, and what it has done in charity is an example to the Federation. Five dollars was donated to the Old Ladies' Home; fifteen dollars was presented to the town school for certificates of attendance. A burlesque was given to pay a widow's rent for a year; food was provided for a destitute family; a sick man's expenses paid through an operation at a hospital, and baskets filled with goodies for homes lacking Christmas cheer. This Club has sold 300 stamps for the anti-tuberculosis bureau. It has now in the treasury \$89.40.

Lenore Cason, Manager.

NORTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for North Carolina to Miss Gertrude Weil, Goldsboro, N. C., Chairman on Publication.

President—Mrs. Eugene Reilley, Charlotte, N. C. Recording Secretary—Mrs. G. W. Whitsett, Greensboro. Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. E. P. Tingley, Charlotte. (59 Clubs—1,500 Members.)

THE Chairman of the State Committee on Civics would urge that every club in the State, whether a civic club or not, arrange to celebrate our National Civic Day, March 10, with appropriate exercises. Literature that would be suggestive for programs may be obtained from the American Civic Association or from the writer. Where it is impracticable to devote an entire program to this subject, perhaps one or two numbers relating to civic questions might be

inserted in some other program. We would suggest that where possible or convenient two clubs combine in the celebration of the day, or send representatives to neighboring clubs to participate in their observance. Local conditions will determine what is the best plan for each club, but we strongly believe that some observance of Civic Day will be good for every club. The Chairman makes a plea for two lines of action in Civic Work. First, that of Civic Extension. The Civic Committee wants to see a Civic Improvement Club (or department) in every city, town and village in North Carolina, and is working toward that aim. Let every club use its influence to interest towns where there is no such organization. The second line of action for which the Committee earnestly asks the co-operation of the clubs is for Health. Although the subject of Health has been much discussed and written of, too strong emphasis cannot be laid upon its importance. The need is urgent and immediate to rise up in all our might and combat the diseases at our very door, and within them, that threaten the wellbeing and growth of our people. It is time that a strong, united effort be made in exterminating existent disease and in establishing more sanitary conditions. It is a question upon which there can be no variance of opinion, and the co-operation of every Clubwoman in the State is invoked in carrying out this work. MRS. A. B. KIMBALL,

Chairman of Committee on Civics.

THE GOLDSBORO Woman's Club, through the hospitality of its Domestic Science Department, enjoyed in December a lecture and demonstration by Mr. F. B. Shaw, Assistant State Horticulturist. His subject was the "Growing and Canning of Vegetables." His talk was interesting and very helpful in its practical nature. Mr. Shaw showed to his audience the most approved style of canning jars, giving hints for their use that were suggestive to long-experienced housewives. This lecture will be followed later in the season. by others, by Mr. W. N. Hutt, State Horticulturist, on the "Planting and Care of Shade Trees," and by Mr. Franklin Sherman, State Entomologist. The Goldsboro Club celebrated North Carolina Day on December 20 with an appropriate program, including three addresses, on the subjects: "Calvin H. Wiley, Educational Patriot;" "What Women Have Done and Are Doing for North Carolina," and "The Old North State," and patriotic songs.

GERTRUDE WEIL.

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for Florida to Mrs. John W. Wideman, Deland, Fla.

President—Mrs. J. S. Frederick, Miami. Recording Secretary—Miss Charlotte Keelor, Sanford. Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. E. Rickmers, Miami. (39 Clubs—1,641 Members.)

A T this time when the thoughts of the whole world are turned toward the Holy Mother and Child, shall we not take this for our watchword: "The Mother and Child," and strive to better the condition of the helpless ones on whom depends the weal or woe of our great country. Co-operation is my first earnest plea. So, my dear clubwomen, if we are to carry our dear Federation through the coming two

years in safety, you must each and every one of you feel a personal responsibility for its success. Do not shrug your shoulders and say, "I am thankful I am not the president." rather ponder in your minds some helpful hint to send her. Just realize what a power for good it would be if each one of the bright, capable women who compose these Florida clubs, should each mouth give one-half hour to earnest thought in some line of work for the Federation—and then write the result of this meditation to the chairman of the department under which this work might be done. The chairman might not be able to act immediately upon the suggestion, but the interest manifested would certainly help, and when the opportunity arose the material would be at hand.

Another most helpful thing each club may do is to each month send an epitome of their work to the correspondent for *The Keystone*. Where would the politician be without his newspaper? How can we work in harmony without a constant knowledge of our party and its work? Write to *The Keystone*, subscribe to *The Keystone* and read *The Keystone*. You all know that our last Convention was honored and inspired by the presence of our beloved "Our Lady," Mrs. Phillip N. Moore. One of her most pertinent suggestions was that the vice presidents should take their office more seriously, should really be understudies for the president. Then should accident or illness prevent the latter from presiding, the next officer might take her place with little difficulty and no interruption would occur in the work of the Federation.

Early in January, it is hoped the new Executive Board will meet in Miami, when the chairmen will be elected according to the new ruling. The Revision Committee will also report on plans for districting Florida. It is thought that by dividing the State into districts and having meetings in each of these, a great work might be accomplished. Now comparatively few of the members of the Federation are able to meet at the conventions, but were there more local councils held, many more women might meet and great good would result.

In conclusion let me hope that we may all constantly remember that we are banded together for service. To quote a story given by a prominent Clubwoman as the text: A little girl was bending with the weight of a baby on her back. Some one said to her: "You are carrying a heavy burden." Quickly she answered: "Oh, no; it is not a burden—it is my Sister."

Antoinette E. Frederick.

The New President of the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. J. S. Frederick, Miami, was born of Ohio parents and educated in the public schools and seminary at Utica, N. Y.; was married in Utica in 1883, and came to Florida in 1895. Her husband was a civil engineer and was city engineer in Miami for years. He died in February, 1910. Mrs. Frederick is the mother of six children, and attends the Episcopal church. She has been president of the Woman's Club of Miami for six years, was a member of the Housekeepers' Club of Cocoanut Grove, and its president and vice president. Has been president of the Hospital Aid Society, and is especially well equipped for her office as president of the Federation, having served the Federation for one term as recording secretary and two terms (four years) as first vice president. Mrs. Frederick's marked executive ability has been recognized in all her organization affiliations, and as a wife, mother and home-maker she brings to her office those womanly qualities which add so much to executive ability in all club work. The Florida Federation looks forward under her guidance to a year of usefulness and service.

VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for Virginia to Mrs. J. E. Perkinson, 828 Main Street, Danville, Va., Manager.

President—Mrs. W. W. King, Staunton.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. P. H. Heydenreich, Staunton.
Treasurer—Miss Blanche Slicer, Montvale.
Clubs 14—822 Members.

HE manager of the Virginia column of THE KEYSTONE owes an apology to the Federation and to THE KEY-STONE this month which she hopes will be accepted. Owing to an illness of five weeks, under the care of a trained nurse, she was unable to prepare the notes, but turned over the material she had on hand to a friend to compile. Among the items was a most interesting report on "Conservation," by Miss Katherine Stuart, Chairman of Conservation, and an account of her visit to the Conference in Richmond together with many helpful hints from her along the line of her work. Then Mrs. Kyle sent an account of a visit of some of the Lynchburg Women's Club members to one of the County School fairs, giving much encouragement in this work. The friend got the notes in order and then lost the letters given her and the one prepared for THE KEY-STONE—so all to be done is to apologize, hoping such a thing will not occur again.

THE WEDNESDAY CLUB of Danville had a most interesting lecture, as an opening of their literary study for the winter, by Dr. Mims, who has the Chair of English at the University of North Carolina. His subject was "Modern Drama," and he treated it from the standpoint of the relation of literature to life.

Dr. W. N. Young gave a lecture before the Wednesday Club this week on "Tolstoi."

Mrs. W. T. Paxton, who has been such an efficient officer for the Federation, as Secretary two years and then Chairman of different standing committees, has been quite sick all the fall, and is now at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Her friends in the Federation will be glad to know that she is improving.

MISS KATHERINE STUART has promised to visit the various clubs of the Federation who are interested in conservation. Richmond has been having a series of lectures for the schools on "Birds and Their Uses" that must redound to good. Training the children now is the only way to make progress along any line of conservation.

THE GENERAL FEDERATION is making a liberal offer to clubs subscribing as a whole for the Federation Bulletin. It would be a fine thing for the clubs to realize the good to be gained by subscribing for the club organs. You cannot broaden unless you keep in touch with what other clubs are doing.

LIZZIE PERKINSON.

Manager Virginia Column.

[Mrs. Perkinson has spent the holiday season in Bermuda, where she and Mr. Perkinson will remain for some time. Her friends hope that the change and rest will greatly benefit her.]

I AM USING all the powers I have to get my Daughters to take The Keystone. If they would only use it as a means of chapter intercourse how much benefited they would be!

Mrs. N. D. Eller,

President Virginia Division U. D. C., Lynchburg, Va.

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

President—Mrs. Philip N. Moore, 3125 Lafayette Ave., St. Louis, Mo. Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Frank N. Shiek, Wheatland, Wyo.

[These notes are official for January as sent out to the official organs by the General Federation Bulletin.]

AY the year 1911 bring to you fulfillment of hopes and plans-great growth to you and great gain to those whom you endeavor to assist. Associate with those whose faiths are large-with those who believe, and whose business it is to make you believe. From such alone will you receive inspiration and power to grow! Work always with an eye single to the end in view, and you will surely attain it. Work to make others happy and you will bring happiness into your own life in large measure. A long pull and a strong pull altogether! May I take this opportunity to thank the States in convention for most thoughtful messages of good will and loyalty. The telegrams came often when other States were assembled, and fully appreciated the messages. It was a matter of regret that I was obliged to send the last letter to the Bulletin at a time when I could only mention the visit to Columbus, Georgia. I speak of it now that I may refer to the fine work the Board of Education carries on in that city for the industrial training of the negroes. Few of us realize the sympathetic effort, physical, mental and financial, put into this training. It was the pleasure of the President of the Board and the Superintendent of Schools to give an entire morning, that we might realize what the South is doing for the solution of its problem. This privilege came to me at the suggestion of the clubwomen, all interested in the work. Recently we heard, in clear, forceful argument, the detailed problems of the Pacific Coast and of the intermountain States. I am impressed with the way all the problems are being met, and with the part women are taking in solving what is often to be of more vital influence upon their lives than upon any other. As I journey from one part of the country to another the philosophical impression is not in the least mixed; there is a glad praise in my heart for the union of forces among women; it makes no difference if it be North or South, West or East, the women are one united, helpful influence. If at times I find some holding to the prejudices of former years, the quick interpretation is that they have not met, and rubbed off sharp corners against, the opinions of others. Let there be no "Southern Federation of Women's Clubs!" Let us come to the Council at Memphis as sisters solving the problems of women and children throughout the country. States should consider their local needs; but we will work as a united federation for the uplift of all. The enthusiasm of these visits, the contact with the best women everywhere, the mutual acquaintance, have made me very optimistic; against this, to my amazement, I realize we are not raising the Endowment' we have so much at heart, so much needed to carry on the very work of which I speak; in fact, there are many things we are leaving undone. Let us make one resolution for the new year, not for new plans, but to carry out what we pledged at the Convention in Cincinnati. Read your report, refresh your memory by marking the resolutions you are sure you voted for; then mark all the rest, as being

the vote of the majority, and, of course, you stand by the "majority." Florida placed me in such happy mood; we worked well together, and the climate was perfect. The clubs I saw, very large and flourishing in Jacksonville, very young and enthusiastic in Ocala, are doing everything they are expected to do, and then a great deal more; -so that I came toward the Northland ready to give thanks, November 24th, "for all that we have received." The Board of Directors has given its report elsewhere through its press committee—and we are ready to endorse every word. I shall add only special commendation of the Department Chairmen and their coworkers. Write to them often for suggestion, and let me know if they don't answer! From letters to me I know they are full of plans, which need your help in carrying them out. We are sad at the resignations this year and voice again our sincere sympathy in illness. We have acted upon the loss that came to the Federation through the death of our Honorary Vice President, Mrs. Howe; and as I write the news is received of the death of Mrs. Royle, in Salt Lake City, from whom there came such a cheery letter at the time of the board meeting. In the midst of life we are in death. Let us so live that when the night cometh we may lay ourselves down to pleasant dreams, sure that the Lord is in His Heaven. Faithfully yours,

January 1, 1911.

Eva Perry Moore.

D OARD MEETING.—One of the most effective meet-Dings in the history of the Federation was held at Hotel Colfax, Colfax Springs, Iowa, November 29-December 2, inclusive. Every member of the Board was present, with the exception of Mrs. John Dickinson Sherman, Second Vice President, whose resignation on account of ill health was accepted with sincere regret by the Board. Mrs. Cowles paid a personal tribute to Mrs. Sherman as one of the most capable and efficient officers the Federation has ever known. The vacancy was filled by the election of Mrs. L. L. Blankenburg. The appointment by the Executive Committee of Mrs. G. O. Welch, in July, to the office of Recording Secretary, because of the resignation of Mrs. Henry Hollister Dawson, had been ratified by the Board. The vacancy in. the office of Auditor was filled by the elction of Mrs. Frank White, of North Dakota. The vacancy in the Board of Directors was filled by the election of Mrs. Alvin R. Bailey. Newton, Mass. After the routine reports of the committees, the first matters of general interest discussed were the invitations which had been extended by Chicago, St. Louis, Atlantic City, Montreal, Canada; Niagara Falls, Salt Lake City and San Francisco, for the Biennial Convention in 1912; and by Chautauqua, Knoxville, Chicago, Portland, Ore., and Memphis, for the Council meeting in the spring of 1911. Memphis was chosen as the meeting place of the Council. The representatives of San Francisco and Salt Lake City presented the merits of their respective cities eloquently and forcibly, but when it was considered that at the time the invitation from San Francisco was presented in Boston for the tenth Biennial, it was deemed not wise to accept, not alone because of the recent disaster, but also for the reason that a central city at that time seemed more expedient--when again San Francisco extended an invitation, the eagerness of the clubwomen of the country to show appreciation of the sympathy expressed by the General Federation at the St. Paul biennial turned the scale in favor of San Francisco. Upon notification of the decision, Salt Lake City telegraphed congratulations to her successful rival and offered hearty co-operation in every way possible. Resolutions of sympathy were passed upon the death of Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, a copy of the resolutions instructed to be sent to the family, The Bulletin, and to be spread upon the minutes. In accordance with instructions given by the biennial convention, the Board, under legal advice, formulated a plan for the inception and the perpetuation of an endowment fund, the income of which is to be used for carrying out the general purposes of the Federation. It is interesting and encouraging to note that State federations and individual clubs and club members have already contributed to the This fund will be in charge of a committee to be composed of the Fresident, Treasurer and three other mem-Sixteen clubs have been admitted to the Federation since the last biennial, and many applications are awaiting action by the membership committee. A letter was read from Miss Points, the beneficiary of our English scholarship, giving an account of her work at the University of London. Miss Mary Garrett Hay, President of the New York Federation, was appointed to make known the work of the American Women's Clubs at the Congress of the International Suffrage Alliance in Stockholm, Sweden. Recommendations offered by the committee having the history in charge were adopted, and the Board decided unanimously to ask Mrs. Mary I. Wood to edit the history. The committee in charge of the Council, appointed by the Board, consists of Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, Chairman; Mrs. John Nash and Mrs. J. Creighton Mathewes. Mrs. Mathewes was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Breckinridge from the press committee. The biennial committee, which is the link between the Board of the General Federation and the local Biennial Board, consists of Mrs. Cowles, Mrs. Blankenburg, and Mrs. Black, of San Mrs. McMahon, of Salt Lake City, was appointed Chairman of the Program Committee of the Eleventh Biennial, with Mrs. Orr, of San Francisco, as a member. * * *

[Then follows an account of the social features of the meeting, which consisted of a large reception on Wednesday afternoon at the clubhouse of the Des Moines Woman's Club, at which fully 500 local clubwomen were present. After the reception, those present adjourned to the auditorium of the clubhouse, which in Des Moines is also an art gallery, kept open to the public by the Des Moines Woman's Club—last year \$2,500 being expended by the club for pictures added to the gallery. This art gallery is open to the public every day in the week, including Sunday afternoons. Informal talks were made by Mrs. Ernest Brown, President of the Woman's Club; Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Cowles, Mrs. Blankenburg and Mrs. Creighton Mathewes. The afternoon closed with several selected songs, and refreshments were served in the beautiful dining room. On the evening

of December 1 Colonel and Mrs. James Donahue, of the Hotel Colfax, gave an elaborate banquet to the Board of Directors, the officers of the Iowa Federation, President of Des Moines Woman's Club and President of Des Moines City Federation, at which Mrs. Richards, President Iowa Federation; Mrs. Berryhill, ex-President; Mrs. Brown, of Des Moines; Mrs. John Nash, of Audubon; Mrs. Desha Breckinridge and several others made responses to toasts.]

The work of the Officers and Board was completed Friday night, when the members began leaving for their homes.

Mrs. C. H. McMahon, Mrs. Harry L. Keefe, Mrs. Creighton Mathews.

THE Conservation department, through its chairman, Mrs. Emmons Crooker, makes a strong plea for the conservation and propagation of birds through the erection of bird houses, and she has a simple model which may be made out

of pasteboard by any boy. She says:

Besides aiding the propagation of bird life, the making and erecting of these bird houses by the boys will tend to interest them in the birds and keep them from molesting our little feathered friends, who are the best helpers of the farmer and the protectors of our forest and shade trees. A great stimulus to this work is to offer prizes for the best made bird houses, the best erected, the greatest number made and erected, etc. Get superintendents of schools interested to let this become a part of the manual training work, where that is in the curriculum, or where it is not, to introduce manual training to that extent (either in or out of school hours), or at least tell the boys about these little houses (through their teacher) and encourage them to try to build them at home. Help your own children to make some when they are confined to the play room on stormy days.

THE new Department of Music of the General Federation was created at the Biennial of 1910, with Mrs. Lawrence Maxwell, of Ohio, chairman; Mrs. Fryberger, of Minnesota, vice chairman; and Mrs. Duncan, North Carolina; Mrs. Howe, Iowa; Mrs. MacAllister, Rhode Island, members of the committee.

Mrs. Maxwell makes a plea for the formation of musical clubs and their membership in the General and State Federations and also for a standing Committee on Music in every State Federation. She also asks for the best training in the public schools, and for worshipful music in churches, for the cultivation of the "speaking voice" at home and in public, and for a law of harmony in making programs by having musical selections appropriate to the subject matter, and not impairing its artistic unity. Mrs. Maxwell expects to offer through her department each month a specially prepared musical program. The one for January is on Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy, and is on file in The Keystone Reciprocity Bureau, and may be had upon application to The Keystone.

I AM SENDING ENCLOSED subscription for The Keystone, and that in excuse for the "sort of coin" I am forwarding I will say to you that one dollar is easier to enclose and the magazine fully worth it.

(Mrs. Lawrence) Clara D. Maxwell, Chairman Music Department G. F. W. C.

Cincinnati, Ohio.

American Civics.

[Mrs. Fant was appointed by Governor Ansel as one of the delegates from South Carolina; she attended all the sessions, and has written these notes especially for *The Keystone*.]

THE sixth annual Convention of the American Civic Association met in Washington, D. C., December 14, 15 and 16. The convention was called to order in the red room of the New Willard Hotel, with J. Horace McFarland, the President, in the chair. According to the Constitution, "the purpose of the Association shall be the cultivation of higher ideals of civic life and beauty in America; the promotion of city, town and neighborhood improvement; the preservation and development of landscape, and the advancement of outdoor art." The Association aims specifically "to make living conditions clean, healthful, attractive; to extend the making of public parks; to promote the opening of gardens and playgrounds for children, and recreation centers for adults; to abate public nuisances, including objectionable signs, unnecessary poles and wires, unpleasant and wasteful smoking factory chimneys; to make the buildings and the surrounding of schools, railway stations and factories attractive; to protect existing trees and to encourage intelligent tree planting; to preserve great scenic wonders (such as Niagara Falls and the White Mountains) from commercial spoliation, and thus, both in civic effort and in relation to national resources, to efficiently promote conservation." The Association has established headquarters in Washingthe, this city being chosen on account of its civic beauty and press advantages. The sessions consisted of splendid addresses by prominent men and reports from several national and international conferences held during the past year. The delegates came from every section of the Union, the South being represented by a few women. The Canadian Government sent representatives from the Canadian horticultural associations. Mr. J. Lockie Wilson told of Canada's great civic work and stated that the Government encouraged the work by appropriating a dollar for every dollar raised by the people. Cuba sent greetings through Dr. Justiz, minister from Cuba to the United States and professor of city government in the Havana University. The General Federation of Women's Clubs was represented by Mrs. E. W. Biddle, President Pennsylvania Federation. "The National Municipal League" was ably represented by the newly elected President, Hon. H. D. Foulke. Mr. Clinton R. Woodruff, the League's efficient Secretary, made one of the finest addresses I ever heard on "What Is Your City Ideal?" We also heard from that important "Rochester City-Planning Conference." Mr. Robinson, America's delegate, gave us a report from the "London Town-Planning Conference," held in London in October. "The American Federation of Arts" was represented by Mr. Frank D. Millet. Mrs. Bailey, of Ohio, spoke on "Junior Civic Leagues." Louise K. Miller was splendid on "Schools as Radiating Centers for Civic Improvement." One evening was given to "Scenic Beauty as a National Asset," when Hon. Joseph E. Ramsdell, Member of Congress and President National Rivers and Harbors Congress, presided. "Are State Parks Worth While?" was presented by J. H. McFarland. Mr. W. M. Elliott, in speaking of "Forests as Pleasure Parks,"

proposed a great national forest park in the environs of Washington, somewhat like the forests of France and Germany. Thomas Nelson Page was especially good on "Washington, the Capital." One entire afternoon was given to the House, or Typhoid fly. Dr. L. O. Howard, Chief Entomologist Agricultural Department, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Woods Hutchinson, of New York City, and others, spoke on this important subject. When I tell you we heard thirtyfive splendid addresses, many of them illustrated by stereopticon views, you will readily understand how impossible it is to give you even an outline of this great meeting. The Treasurer reported that something over ten thousand dollars had been paid out during the year. The Association has accomplished a great deal in the past, and expects even greater things in the future. The keynote is Cleanliness, Beauty and Good Municipal Government.

Anderson, S. C.

PEARL FANT.

Child Protection in Scuth Carolina.

HE South Carolina Child Labor Committee met in Columbia December 16. The following members were present: Chairman George B. Cromer, Secretary John P. Hollis, Dr. A. T. Jameson, Bishop Guerry, Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, Dr. Weltner, Professor Hand, Dr. O. Y. Owings, Hon. Joseph A. McCullough and Mr. Bright Williamson. Upon invitation a committee from the South Carolina Cotton Manufacturers met with the Child Labor Committee and discussed present conditions and possible future legislation in behalf of the children in mill villages. The following mill men were present: Messrs. Long, Beattie, Hammett, Geer and Summers. It is interesting to note that South Carolina is the only State where the Child Labor Committee has conferences with the representatives of the mills. After the mill men withdrew, the Committee decided to present two bills to the coming session of the General Assembly: One amending the poverty exemptions connected with the child labor law, and prohibiting any night work of children under sixteen; the other bill to provide for the registration of births in order to have definite proof of the children's ages. The Committee is pledged to work for compulsory education, and at the conference with the mill men found out that the mill authorities are also anxious for compulsory education and promised their support of the Compulsory Education bill. The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That any reference to the raising of the age limit be stricken out of our child labor bill, to be submitted to the General Assembly at the coming session.

the coming session.

Resolved, That the South Carolina Child Labor Committee place itself on record as favoring a gradual rise of the age limit to fourteen years as soon as in the opinion of the committee the conditions are favorable.

Resolved, That a copy of these proceedings be sent to the newspapers of the State, with the request that they be published with editorial comment, to the end that public sentiment in behalf of child labor reform be created.

The policy of the Committee is conservative and humanitarian, and the members are working earnestly to better conditions among the poor children in South Carolina.

IF THE EARNEST WOMEN one time become familiar with *The Keystone* they find it invaluable for its brevity, dignity and earnestness.

Mrs. Gordon Finger,

President Stonewall Jackson Chapter U. D. C.

Charlotte, N. C.

SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION UNITED DAUGH-TERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.

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Recorder of Crosses—Mrs. W. H. Fowler, Yorkville.

(66 Chapters—3,000 Members.)

T HE fifteenth Annual Convention of the South Carolina Division, U. D. C., was held in Georgetown, S. C., November 30-December 2, 1910. The sessions were held in the new Armory, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion with palms and Confederate flags and colors. The auditorium, on the second floor, was most comfortably arranged for a woman's convention; the lower floor was given up to reception and committee rooms, and here the delightful luncheons were served each day. These lunches afforded an opportunity for much social intercourse, and the accomplished housekeepers of Georgetown served dishes characteristic of the locality-wild duck, wonderful fish and other dainties for which the coast is celebrated. The opening exercises occurred on the morning of November 30, and consisted of addresses of welcome by Hon. W. D. Morgan, for the Chamber of Commerce; Mr. T. D. Forbes, for the Elks. and Miss Edith McFall, for the Arthur Manigault Chapter, U. D. C., the hostess Chapter. The response for the Division was made by Mrs. R. C. Surratt, of Gaffney, after which the convention was formally opened by the Division President, Mrs. August Kohn, Columbia. The convention then went into memorial session, a prayer was made by Rev. W. H. Hodges, a hymn, and then the Secretary read a list of the deceased members during the year; twenty-seven names were called. Suitable memorial resolutions were offered by a Committee, of which Mrs. Clark Waring was chairman, and the exercises closed with the hymn, "How Firm a Foundation." The Credential Committee—Mrs. R. D. Wright, Newberry, chairman—reported nine of the eleven Division officers, the two chairmen of the standing committees and seventy-seven delegates, representing forty-one chapters, present, making the total vote of the convention 115. The President's report showed eight new chapters and 653 new members enrolled in the Division during the year; advised redistricting the State, reduction of size of year book, and reported she had attended all district meetings during the year. Reported the Soldiers' Home Infirmary in Columbia ready for occupancy; reported three chapters disbanded during the year, and offered to new chapters five copies of "South Carolina Women in the Confederacy," Vol. II., for \$2.50, to dispose of the few remaining copies in the possession of the Division. The First Vice President, Mrs. Walter Doar, Georgetown, reported three new chapters in her district and a good district conference at Charleston. The Second Vice President, Miss Emily Graham, Chester, reported working for Soldiers' Home appropriation; a splendid district conference at Rock Hill, with seventeen delegates in attendance, one from each chapter in her district. The

Third Vice President, Mrs. D. B. Alexander, Greenwood, was absent from illness, but sent a report of two new chapters in her district; a good district meeting at Greenville. The Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. E. J. Burch, Florence, reported a large district conference at Sumter and vicinity, and visiting herself three of her chapters. The Recording Secretary, Mrs. C. J. Milling, Darlington, reported three executive committee meetings, one each at Newberry, Columbia and Georgetown; eight new children's chapters chartered; nine new U. D. C. chapters. The Corresponding Secretary, Miss Alice Earle, Columbia, reported 220 letters received and 141 letters and 300 postals written, and urged chapters to send her lists of chapter officers as soon as elected. The Treasurer, Mrs. M. J. Perry, Lancaster, reported 2,873 paid-up members; \$467.70 expenses of the Division for the year; \$57.30 balance left from the scholarship fund after paying for Winthrop and Carolina scholars for 1910; balance in general treasury, \$25.29; sold \$12 worth of books, "South Carolina Women in the Confederacy." The Registrar, Mrs. C. E. Graham, Greenville, was unavoidably absent; her report was read, and showed 500 blanks sent out, and 340 names registered from old chapters. The Recorder of Crosses-Mrs. W. H. Fowler, Yorkville—reported 418 crosses given out this year. As the back lists of crosses up to 1906 had not been made up and sent, Mrs. Raines, South Carolina, was reported at Little Rock as out of Mrs. Raines' book in this record; the Charleston Chapter undertook to copy these back lists (5,000 names), into a suitable book provided by that chapter, and present this book to Mrs. Raines' office to secure South Carolina veterans their rightful place in these honorable records.

The historical evening was, as usual, an interesting feature of the convention; Mrs. H. P. Lynch, Cheraw, Historian, presided, and the program consisted of a poem, "The Guardian of Bayou Teche," by the late Kil Courtland, Dixie Chapter, Anderson; piano solo by Miss Visanska, Georgetown; address, "The Pathos of the Lost Cause," by Dr. Yates Snowden, professor of History, University of South Carolina; vocal solo, "Senora," Miss Effie Cannon; paper. "General Forrest, the Daring Cavalry Leader," by Mrs. C. R. Webb, R. E. Lee Chapter, Anderson; vocal solo by Mrs. Henry Harby; poem, "Song of Forrest Cavalryman," by late Kil Courtland, Dixie Chapter, Anderson; chorus, "Dixie." In the historical conference the Historian was empowered to select papers for the Exchange Library, and was given \$15 to buy certain valuable reference books for this library. Mrs. St. J. Alison Lawton, James Island, member in charge of Confederate Monument data, urged chapters to continue to send her department pictures and all details about their Confederate monuments; she urged the chapters to read and collect historical books approved by the Historical Committee. The Keystone promised to print each month, in the South Carolina U. D. C. column, a list of these books until the complete list of 125 books shall have appeared here, and chapters can clip these lists from their Keystone, and thus secure this most valuable reference list. She also urged the purchase of the supplement. "Our Women in the War," full set \$1, from General C. I. Walker, Charleston, S. C., and "Veteran Edition, Spartanburg Herald," August, 1910; price, 10 cents. In the conference for chapter organizations, led by the President, it was decided that in future all chapters should send their State and general dues to the State Treasurer, who would then forward general dues to the Treasurer General.

Discussion as to indorsement of membership applications by veterans, or proper historical references, was most interesting, and at the next convention an amendment to the Constitution, offered by Miss Mary Poppenheim, will be voted on, providing that membership blanks shall be signed by two veterans or a certified statement of the ancestor's Confederate record secured from the Secretary of the S. C. Historical Commission, or a similar statement from the War Department at Washington. The Committee on Scholarships, Miss Mary Poppenheim, Charleston, Chairman, reported the Winthrop scholarship filled in Junior Year by Miss Nan Trantham, and the Carolina Scholarship filled in Freshman Year by Mr. Burnett Stoney; \$208 paid for these two scholarships, and a balance of \$57 on hand; 31 chapters gave \$165.30 toward this fund this year. This committee reported twenty-three South Carolina chapters giving \$31 for the General U. D. C. Scholarship Fund at Vassar College, now being used by Miss Lola Raysor, of Florida, a Senior at Vassar. On recommendation of the chairman the Carolina Scholarship Fund was raised to \$125; pledges were taken for this work from the floor, and \$175 were pledged. A scholarship worth \$100 was reported as given to the Division by the Confederate Home College, Charleston. and chapters were urged to secure scholarships in local schools and colleges and to support them with a living fund raised by the Chapter.

Bl ndford Church Window Committee, Miss S. A. Smyth, Chairman, reported S. C. Window unveiled June 3, 1910; twenty-three chapters had given to the fund, and, with the \$300 appropriated by the Legislature, the \$400 for the window was raised. Four other States besides South Carolina unveiled their windows on that date. Georgia, Florida and Texas are now the only Southern States not yet enshrined in this historic old church. Shiloh Monument Director, Miss Mary Poppenheim, reported thirty-two chapters, two individuals and one Conference collected and contributed \$157.06 this year, urged the observance of Shiloh Day in April, and took pledges of \$58 for this fund from the floor. "Confederate Banners," a pamphlet for sale for the Shiloh Fund, sold well at the Convention at 25 cents each. The Arlington Director, Mrs. T. W. Keitt, Clemson College, reported \$252 collected for Arlington Monument during the year. The chairman of Children's Chapters, Mrs. Leonidas Cain, St. Matthews, reported fourteen children's chapters in the State-eight new ones-and it was decided that the State chairman could require each child to pay a per capita tax of five cents, to be used toward the work for children's chapters in South Carolina. Mrs. Bunch, Columbia, chairman Confeder to Home Infirmary, reported Infirmary completed at a cost of \$2,850, of which \$1,33; were given by South Carolina U. D. C. The committee was retained and will prepare a tablet with names of all chapters contributing to this work up to July 1, 1911, to be ercted in

the Infirmary walls. Miss Martin, Regent South Carolina Room, Confederate Museum, Richmond, Va., reported that South Carolina leads in raising an endowment fund for her room there, and asked for pledges for a portrait to General Hampton, to be placed in this room; \$97 were pledged at once. The per capita dues to the Division were raised from ten to fifteen cents; the State was redistricted as follows:

"Edisto"—Orangeburg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Bamberg, Dorchester, Berkeley, Charleston, Hampton, Beaufort.
"Ridee"—Lancaster, Chester, Fairfield, Kershaw, Richland, Lexington, Saluda, Aiken, Edgefield.
"Pee Dee"—Chesterfield, Marlboro, Marion, Horry, Georgetown, Williamshurg, Florenge, Darlington, Clarender, Lee Streeter, Billan.

liamsburg, Florence, Darlington, Clarendon, Lee, Sumter, Dillon. "Piedmont"—Oconee, Pickens, Greenville, Spartanburg, Clunion, Newberry, Laurens, Anderson, Abbeville, Greenwood.

The size of the Minutes will be reduced; the U. D. C. Ritual will be used at future conventions; the Abner Perrin Monument Committee reported \$85 on hand, and were requested to complete that memorial marker at the earliest possible time. Miss Poppenheim made a plea for contributions from chapters to be sent Mrs. B. A. Blenner, 2521 Grove street, Richmond, Va., toward keeping in repair the Confederate graveyard at Huguenot Springs, Va., where 250 Confederate dead are buried, among whom are some South Carolina soldiers. Chapters were urged to write their Congressmen to work for the naming of the new fort at Cape Henry "Fort Maury," in honor of the "Pathfinder of the Seas," Mathew F. Maury. Deaconess Wile, of the Church Orphanage, Yorkville, made a plea before the Convention for contributions to the General Ellison Capers Cottage at that orphanage. Invitations were received from Charleston and Greenwood for the next Convention, and by ballot Greenwood was selected as the next place of meeting. All the old officers were re-elected, except the Fourth Vice President, which office was made vacant by the new districting of the Division; Mrs. St. J. Alison Lawton, James Island, was elected to this office. The Convention was one of the most successful ever held; harmony and good will abounded, and Mrs. Kohn proved herself an efficient, tactful and courteous presiding officer in thus dispatching the business in the allotted time.

THE SOCIAL SIDE of the Convention was unusually charming; besides the lunches already referred to, a reception was tendered the Convention on Thursday evening by the Elks in their beautiful clubhouse, an old Colonial home, once the headquarters of General Washington. Here music, flowers. good company and delightful refreshments made the evening pass all too quickly; an automobile ride to all delegates on Friday afternoon gave them an opportunity to see the historic environs of Georgetown, and a beautiful reception to the visiting D. A. R. given by the local D. A. R., at the home of Mrs. Edgar L. Lloyd, the Regent, on Friday evening, completed a series of pleasures which will long be remembered. Much informal entertainment was done by the local hostesses, and many dinner parties were given at the close of the long afternoon sessions. Much was anticipated of the Georgetown Convention, but the realization was far in excess of the anticipations, and this Convention goes down in the memories of the South Carolina U. D. C. as one of the redletter Conventions. M. B. P.

HISTORICAL PROGRAM FOR JANUARY-Confederate States Army: Dis-

HISTORICAL PROGRAM FOR JANUARY—Confederate States Army: Discussion: Its organization; pay of officers and men; great divisions and areas of operation. Subject for Paper—Sketch of Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, first commander-in-chief.

February.—The spirit of the Confederate Army: The response of college students to the call of the South; anecdotes of the bravery of officers and men; the enthusiasm and self-sacrifice of the women. Subject for Paper—The ennobling influence of the character of Gen. R. E. Lee. A comparison of the resources of the North and the South at the beginning of the War Between the States.

Harriet P. Lynch, Historian.

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THE CHARLESTON CHAPTER has a completed set of the Minutes of the South Carolina Division, U. D. C. Conventions, except the Minutes of the Abbeville Convention. Any one having a copy of this convention number will confer a great kindness by sending it to Miss Sarah A. Smyth. 35 Legare street, Charleston, S. C.

NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION UNITED DAUGH-TERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

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Historian—Miss Rebecca Cameron, Hillsboro.

(91 Chapters—4 300 Members) (91 Chapters-4,300 Members.)

THE midwinter season, or the time from now until spring, marks the busiest and most fruitful period in the U. D. C. The fall state and general conventions are over, with the great impetus of enthusiasm and inspiration which they give each member who attends these great gatherings. result is that state and general work, as well as distinctly chapter projects, profit largely by these renewals of faith and loyalty. Most of this State's chapters are now busy selling their quota of the \$750 worth of Christmas seals that is to swell the Arlington monument fund. With the whole south co-operating, it is believed this seal work will complete the sum necessary for the immediate erection of the monument. The tardiness in the forthcoming of the funds is regarded by some as detracting from the beautiful sentiment of spirit that caused the plan for erecting a memorial to the Confederate cause at the old Lee homestead, near the National Capital, to be taken up by the lovers of the cause as a whole.

CHAPEL HILL.—The most pressing state work right now is the completion of the Chapel Hill monument by June of this year. It is expected that alumni of the University will respond liberally to this cause, but every chapter in the State will have to press this work immediately, if the plans are to be carried out for the unveiling on the fiftieth anniversary, when college men from all over the country will return to their Alma Mater; among them some few of those who put aside their books and schoolboy sports for the perils of war in '61. Mrs. Henry A. London, of Pittsboro, is chairman of the work and is bending all her energies for it. She is one of the most capable and enthusiastic workers in the division, and if she has the support from individuals and chapters that the cause and the chairman deserve, we shall complete this colossal work in the few months we yet have for it.

LEGISLATIVE AND HISTORICAL.—The Daughters of the Confederacy have two interests as an order in the coming together of the State lawmakers in January, aside from their considerations as good citizens. The archives of the State, which contain scores of invaluable Confederate documents and books, are stored where they are not safe from fire or dampness, and the duty and responsibility of the Legislature to immediately provide a safe building for housing valuables that no money could replace, will be forcibly brought to their attention. Miss Rebecca Cameron, the State Historian, and her committee have a bill that covers the case, to be introduced, and have appealed to the chapters to work for it. The other matter is to secure State aid for the home for wives and widows of Confederate Veterans, and all Daughters and interested persons are urged to put these claims before their local representatives, and, if you have neglected it, write to the members in Raleigh assembled; it will be a timely reminder.

LEE-JACKSON DAY is the winter holy-day with good Confederates, and program and plans are under way for its proper observance. The Stonewall Jackson Chapter, Charlotte, have invited the county veterans to a dinner they annually serve on that day, but the remainder of the observance will be on new lines. The Y. M. C. A., which has one of the largest and most complete buildings in the South, has invited the veterans and U. D. C.'s to be guests of honor at a party and campfire in their big gymnasium. The thousand young men who are members will be invited especially; crosses of honor will be presented by Mrs. Stonewall Jackson; there will be a speech, the Daughters selecting the speaker, and arranging Confederate music and songs with cozy story-telling by the old men about the campfire.

Mrs. Gordon Finger.

VIRGINIA DIVISION UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

"We would be glad to have every Chapter help make our column interesting by sending in news items. These should be mailed to Miss Hilda Forsberg, Lynchburg, Va., not later than the 15th of the month to appear in the next issue."

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(113 Chapters—7,203 Members.)

O the Daughters of the Confederacy of the Virginia Division:

Placed again at your head by the recent Convention, I bring to you once more not only my affectionate greeting and good wishes, but my renewed pledge to give you the best service of which I am capable, in return for your confidence

A Word to my State Committees.—Please do not think your appointment merely a compliment and believe it ends there. It is a compliment, for your President devotes much time to thinking out her committees, and tries hard to put on them those who impress her as being apt to do their duty; but it is also much more—it is a responsibility. I wish each member of each committee to feel: First, That she is responsible for keeping the chapters assigned her in mind of the special work of her committee, and for urging them to do their best for it. Second, That she is responsible for a report to her chairman before the Convention. Third, That she is expected to respond promptly and to the best of her ability to whatever call her chairman makes upon her. If the committees, as individuals and collectively, will do their duty this will be a banner year for Virginia in her U. D. C. work.

As it will necessarily be some time before the minutes of the last Convention are placed in your hands, and for the benfit of those chapters who did not have a delegate at Suffolk, your President calls attention to the following important procedings of the Convention, in order that you may go to work at once:

First. The State was divided into six districts; a chairman appointed for each district, to have as her special duty the assisting the Third Vice President in the organizing of new chapters; to strengthen the old ones, and to see to it that each chapter in her district reports to the Convention in Roanoke next year, and to be represented in Convention either by delegate or proxy. The plan of operation of these several District Chairmen is left largely to them, and you will be advised as to their manner of accomplishing work before a great while. You are urged to give these District Chairmen your hearty co-operation.

Second. The Convention passed a resolution requesting all chapters to hold their annual election of officers some time between April 1st and September 1st. This was done in order that the newly elected officers for the ensuing year may be published in the minutes, so that all communications will go to the right person. You will at once see the importance of this.

The committee appointed one year ago at Lexington, to report at Suffolk, was in recognition of Mrs. Montague's proposal to turn over the Home for Confederate Needy Women to the charge of the Virginia Division. The Board of the Home did not indorse this proposition, as made by their Acting President, but offered official representation on the Board, with, of course, official taxation. The committee, realizing that the Home is an endowed institution, and therefore not alone for Confederate women, but descendants, could not recommend to the Division this proposition, feeling that immediate relief for Confederate women was needed, and not relief for descendents. When the committee made this report, and before voted on, Mrs. Montague, on behalt of her Board present, withdrew the invitation extended by them to the Division. This being done, the Home at Richmond remains as it has always been, an independent institution, the Division, as such, having no official connection with it whatever. It is therefore left with the individual chapters to contribute to the Home as they may so desire.

The Convention, however, passed a resolution and appointed a committee to be known as "The Relief Committee of the Virginia Division," of which Mrs. N. V. Randolph is chairman. This committee is to formulate plans to be put into effect at once for the *immediate* care of the helpless and needy Confederate women of our State. The convention of Sons of Veterans at Norfolk appointed a similar committee to confer with our committee in suggesting plans

for the performance of this sacred duty. These two committees will meet as speedily as possible, and as soon as their plans are formed you will be notified, and your President hopes that you will promptly and earnestly co-operate with them in this work of caring for and making more comfortable these heroic Confederate women who still linger in our midst.

The convention at Little Rock was a large and enthusiastic one and showed splendid progress in every department of its work. You can appreciate the especial pride in being Virginia's representative when it became known that Virginia had the largest vote of any of the States—239—followed by Texas with 167. Our report showed that we had contributed to all purposes \$19,740.92, an increase of \$4,995.19 over last year. While this was graitfying, it should be better the present year. Shall we not make it so?

You will be pleased to know that the amendment to the Constitution, offered to increase the General U. D. C. tax from 10 cents to 50 cents, was withdrawn before it reached a vote, and the tax of 10 cents remains.

Mrs. Frank Holladay, our new Recording Secretary, will notify you when the Suffolk minutes are ready. Each Chapter President is urged to order several copies and have their members inform themselves of State work and the proceedings of our last Convention.

With affectionate wishes for a successful and happy year's work, believe me, Faithfully your friend and President,

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O Presidents of Divisions:

This is to notify you that, according to decision of Little Rock Convention, S. E. Theus, of Savannah, Ga., is no longer official agent for sale of U. D. C. pins. All orders in future must be sent by Chapter Presidents (until further notice) to Mrs. L. H. Raines, 908 Duffy street, East Savannah, Ga., Chairman of Insignia Committee. Printed permits to be used in ordering same can be obtained at the above address. All orders will be returned to Chapter Presidents; no pins sent on individual orders. Prices: Without bar, \$3.75 each; with bar, \$4.50 each. Money must accompany all orders. Those wishing these pins sent by registered mail should include ten cents registry fee in amount sent. The General Association will handle and control sale of badges. On account of circumstances will not be able to fill orders until after January 1, 1911. Division Presidents will see that this information is distributed to all chapters in their respective divisions. Very sincerely,

> VIRGINIA FAULKNER McSHERRY, President General U. D. C.

THE ALABAMA DIVISION U. D. C., through its Scholarship Committee, is getting up a Cook Book, the proceeds of sale of which is to be used as an endowment fund for scholarships. The committee ask for tried and true receipts from General U. D. C. officers, presidents of State divisions and chapter presidents, to be sent to them signed. The signature will vouch for correctness, not originality, of recipes. These will be passed upon by professional chefs before printing. The book will also contain personal quotations, menus for Shakespeare dinners, patriotic luncheons, the courses all described with proper quotations. Will you not help this work? If so, send your recipes to Mrs. L. M. Bashinsky, Chairman Alabama U. D. C. Scholarship Committee, Troy, Ala.

THE TEXAS DIVISION U. D. C. held its Annual Convention at Marlin, Texas, December 6-8.

THE MARYLAND DIVISION held its annual Convention in Baltimore, December 7, 1910. The old board of officers was re-elected; a Chairman of Education, Mrs. Joseph Branham, of Baltimore, was appointed, and the Division expects to do good work for education in the coming year.

CLEMSON COLLEGE, South Carolina, will offer a short course in agriculture, beginning January 4th, 1911, and continuing six weeks. The aim will be to give good, practical instruction on: Soils, fertilizers, tillage, farm implements, cotton and corn breeding, corn judging, cotton grading, stock feeding, judging live stock, dairy cattle, dairying and horticultural subjects. Other topics will be discussed in special lectures. The expense will be \$10 per month for board, each individual furnishing his own sheets, pillows and blankets. For further particulars write to W. R. Perkins, Director, Agricultural Department, Clemson College, S. C.

Under the Library Lamp.

THE reading hour in every home may be made useful and cultural by a careful selection of current literature, and the books and magazines read in a home direct many of the opinions and views of that home.

"The Whistler Book," a monograph of the life and position in art of James McNeill Whistler, together with a careful study of his more important works, by Sadakichi Hartmann, is one of the most cultural books of the year. The author shows that very little was known about Whistler's private life except that he was born in Lowell, Mass., in 1834, was at West Point for three years and studied art in Paris. He did not gain popularity until after he was forty, and while he has influenced America, he was not cultivated in America, as he left this country to Mistler's art, which makes the book valuable to the artist as well as the general public interested in Whistler. He tells us that Whistler was opposed to realism, and had a remarkable sense for tone, considering it all of art instead of a part only. He only writes at leasth upon was opposed to realism, and had a remarkable sense for tone, considering it all of art instead of a part only. He only writes at length upon Whistler's power as an interior decorator, showing him to be an apostle of Japanese simplicity, of suggestion rather than realization. He had a remarkable influence in arrangements of exhibitions, but his greatest fame is as a portrait and single figure painter. The Peacock Room, The Artist's Mother, Nocturn and other works are carefully described. The book has fifty-seven illustrations of Whistler's most important works, and altogether is one of the most valuable modern art beeks. and altogether is one of the most valuable modern art books.

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Cavalier of Virginia," by G. E. Theodore Roberts, author of "Brothers "Cavalier of Virginia." by G. E. Theodore Roberts, author of "Brothers of Peril" and Captain Love, is an interesting story full of romance and adventure. The scene is laid in Virginia and on the high seas in the early days of the colony. The wild country of early Virginia is graphically described, a brave Virginia gentleman is the hero, pirates and a Spanish Don commit brutal deeds, and the heroine, Isobel, suffers on the Spanish ship and a strange island. English bravery is contrasted with Spanish treachery and brutality. The plot is good, the dramatic situations entertaining, and the fighting and numerous adventures most exciting. The devotion of Francis Drurie is touching, and the overthrow of evil most gratifying. The illustrations are by Louis D. Gouring. (Cloth, \$1.50. L. C. Page & Co., Boston, Mass.)

"The Lost Ambassadar" by E. Phillips Oppenheim, the prince of

"The Lost Ambassador," by E. Phillips Oppenheim, the prince of story tellers, is another one of those mysterious stories, the plot of which hinges on the sale of two new battleships by an emissary of the Brazilian government. The scene shifts rapidly from Paris to London and the author shows his familiarity with life in these great cities. His descriptions of the boulevards and cafes in Paris are wonderfully true. The beek is full of descriptions of the story of the province of the second of the secon tions of the boulevards and cares in Paris are wonderfully true. The book is full of dramatic situation, and a love story develops in spite of the diplomatic difficulties. The maitre d'hotel "Louis" is a remarkable character, full of resources and rarely failing in his schemes. The book is as good as any Mr. Oppenheim has ever written and is being published in England under the title of "The Missing Delora."

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"The Lead of Honour," by Norval Richardson, is one of the most interesting books of the year. The scene is laid in Natchez, Miss., 1830, and in Sargent Everett. the young New England school teacher, many will recognize a portrait of Hon. Sargeant Prentiss, as many incidents in this story are drawn from the early life of that prominent lawyer and silver-tongued orator. The plot is well conceived, and the struggle and temptations that come into the life of this young lawyer are often most dramatic. His sensitive conscience, his personal magnetism and his power to resist temptation and do for others make him a strong character and interesting personality. His relations with the old judge are most touching and his love for "Natalia" high and unselfish. Old "Mammy" is an important personage, and the author has given us a true picture of a fast disappearing type in the South. The book holds one's attention from beginning type in the South. from beginning to end and has many interesting psychological problems in connection with the murder trial. We learn that criminal lawyers have tender hearts and often most sensitive consciences.

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"The Art of the Munich Galleries," being a history of the art of painting illuminated and demonstrated by critical descriptions of the great paintings in the old Pinokothek and the new Pinokothek also Schock gallery, by Florence Jean Ansell and Frank Roy Fraprie, is one of the beautiful books of the holiday season. This book, of 448 pages, gives a concise history of these great collections of paintings, and also a full description of some of the paintings with full page plates in duogravure. The author groups the pictures in their respective schools with due regard to chronological order and a full index of artists is given which, together with the large number of illustrations, make the volume very valuable for reference. When we consider the reputation of Munich as a place for study and training, the wonderful unrivalled collection of Rubens, of Allrecht Durer, of Holbern, and of the great portraitist, Lenbach, we can realize what a field the authors have before them. They are in sympathy with their subject and have succeeded in presenting a Lenbach, we can realize what a field the authors have before them. They are in sympathy with their subject and have succeeded in presenting a popular book on art which will be enjoyed by tourists and lovers of art as well as by art students. The cover of the book shows the Bavarian court of arms and the Alpine Eidleweis, both of which are well known to every visitor to Munich. It is generally acknowledged that the Munich galleries contain a wonderfully judiciously selected number of pictures, representing so many schools, giving the visitor an opportunity of studying several good pictures of a great many distinguished artists of each school. This volume is especially recommended to art clubs as a reference book and as an outline for a year's program on art. (Cloth, \$2.50. L. C. Page & Co., Boston, Mass.)

"The Land of the Tamed Turk," a description and historical account of the Balkan States, by Blair Jackel, is a most interesting book of personal observations and experiences of a traveler in this comparatively untraveled country. Some of the chapters have been previously published in the Metropolitan Magazine. New York Travel Magazine and the National Geographic Magazine. It is only in the past few years that railroads have been built and very few Americans have ever traveled here. The author describes his experiences in railroad journeys and here. The author describes his experiences in railroad journeys and gives vivid pictures of street life and bazaars peculiar to this country. The Balkan States, because of their geographical position, of their wonderful resources and of their tempting adaptation to colonization, have been for two thousand years the "Powder Box of Europe." The German language is absolutely necessary for the traveler. The country is most attractive with its beautiful scenery, its picturesque peasant garb, and variegated uniform of the always conspicuous army. There are chapters on the history of the country, the royal families and customs of the people. The chapters on Buda-Pesth, Servia and Bulgaria are especially interesting. interesting. In Servia we note they have a tremendous army and compulsory education. The book contains a splendid map and the outside cover shows in brilliant coloring the coats of arms of Bulgaria, Dalmatia, Montinegro and Bosnia, with Servia in the center. There are forty-eight illustrations from photographs taken by the author and Nox McCain. The reader is fascinated with this book and longs to go in person to this picturesque country so interestingly described by Mr. Jackel. (Cloth, \$2.50. L. C. Page & Co., Boston, Mass.)

"Routledge Rides Alone," by Will Livingston Comfort, now in its sixth edition, is a book that is making a sensation in the literary world sixth edition, is a book that is making a sensation in the literary world as the greatest anti-war novel ever written. The book is full of war—scenes and incidents in the Russo-Japanese war are described by a war correspondent, who shows in a wonderfully vivid and convincing manner the fearful horrors of war. The book is a plea or an argument for war to cease—in other words, for peace. Many literary men and the Michigan Federation of Women's Clubs are so impressed with its power for universal peace that they are asking that the Nobel Prize be conferred upon the author. Routledge San is a character of great spiritual strength and treats the subject from the point of view of such a man strength and treats the subject from the point of view of such a man-he views war through the eyes of the mystic. The story ranges from London streets to the famine fields and battlefields of India and Manchuria. It is a book full of feeling and alive with purpose. It has a power to hold and its descriptions are marvelous. It is a great book and will wield an influence.
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"Famous Scouts," by Charles H. I. Johnston, is a fine book to interest boys. It includes trappers, pioneers and soldiers of the frontier, their hazardous and exciting adventures in the great drama of the white conquest of the American continent. This book is dedicated to the school boys and young men of the United States and Canada, and the author makes a place for young men to cultivate the life of the life. school boys and young men of the United States and Canada, and the author makes a plea for young men to cultivate the life of camp, to be prepared for war. He urges all to learn how to be a soldier and to copy these men who helped to make history. Among the fourteen heroes described are such men as Israel Putnam, pioneer soldier; Daniel Boone, pioneer of Kentucky; Lewis and Clark, explorers; Davy Crockett. Bear hunter; Sam Houston, savior of Texas; Kit Carson, the nestor of the Rocky Mountains; Wm. F. Cody. Buffalo Bill. These men, inspired by the love of romantic, drawn on by call of the wild, although of uncouth manner and untutored brain, they helped make history. The chapters on Davy Crockett and the Alamo are most graphic. The facts connected with the lives of these great pioneers read like romance, and the fourteen illustrations add greatly to its interest.

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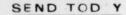
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